

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEGRO WELFARE  
LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY.

Wednesday, May 15, 1913.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Negro Welfare League of New Jersey was held on the above date on 13 Central Avenue. Those present were:- Mr. Ashby, Miss Helen S. Pendleton, Mr. R. W. Stewart, Rev. R. D. Brown, Rev. J. D. Golden, Mrs. Monroe, Miss Virginia Robinson, Mrs. Green, Dr. W. E. Vail presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. In the absence of the treasurer, Miss Pendleton gave the following report:-

Balance . . . . .	Jan. 1 - \$298.74
Rec'd. to May 13 . . . . .	<u>373.36</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	\$672.09
Spent to May 13th . . . . .	<u>336.00</u>
BALANCE . . . . .	\$341.09

Mr. Ashby gave a verbal report of his work in the South. He had visited eighteen colleges in Virginia and North Carolina and thirty-two young men have come to work on farms; more are coming to-day from Greensborough, North Carolina.

Mr. Ashby will follow up these young men and learn how they are situated and the conditions surrounding them.

Under old business, it was reported that the Negro Welfare and Employment Bureau, legalized as the Migrant Bureau in the last legislature, has been reported in the newspapers as being in operation. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee pay no further attention to its reported activities, for the present.

With regard to the Organization in Jersey City, Miss Pendleton reported that she has received letters from Mr. Stewart of Jersey City, who is Chairman of the Executive Committee, stating that they are moving over there to establish the work fully.

She has strongly advised them to get the advice of Mr. Eugene Meekie Jones of the National Urban League. It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that there was no further necessity for any action with regard to Jersey City, except such friendly help as we

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y be able to give from time to time.

Mr. Ashby reported that every minister has been written to, according to instructions in the last meeting and that a few responses have been received.

Under new business, the Secretary reported that a great opportunity has come to the League with the possibility of securing the house by purchase at 230 Bank Street, now owned by Dr. Green who has expressed his willingness to sell it. The property is a fine one and the house is well adapted for a home for girls and has plenty of room on the ground floor and an adjoining office for the activities of the League and other neighborhood work. Dr. Vail stated that he and Dr. Lusk went all over the house and that he is convinced that it is a fine property. It is exceptionally well lit. It requires no repairs to speak of.

Miss Virginia Robinson stated that the house has been the only one that she has found in Newark suitable and apparently obtainable for the carrying of our activities. She is the Chairman of the Phillis Wheatley Association, a group of colored women, who have been working ever since she came to Newark, two years ago, to establish a home for working girls. She has requested Mrs. Monroe to come to the meeting this afternoon and state the results of the last meeting of this Association.

Mrs. Monroe stated that the Phillis Wheatley Association met this afternoon and voted unanimously to ask the Negro Welfare League if it will receive them as the co-operative body. The feeling of the members is that if they merged in the Negro Welfare League the work will go on better than if there are two separate bodies working independently.

Mr. R. W. Stewart moved and Mrs. Green seconded the motion which was carried that the Executive Committee accede to this request. The Chairman named Miss Robinson, Miss Pendleton and Mrs. Gene Gregory as a Committee of three to arrange the details of working together. Upon discussion of this encouraging accession of our forces, it was then further decided that it be highly desirable to gain possession of the aforesaid property. Miss Pendleton stated that it would be impossible to start any movement to get enough money together to pay the first installment on such property unless we can begin with some large donations; that she believes Berger and other business men in Newark, if they see that we have several subscribers who will give at least \$500 they will gladly follow suit. Dr. Vail then stated that he thinks he can get together the first \$500. Dr. Alexander also stated that he thinks he can secure another \$500. With this as a starter, the campaign would get enough money to purchase this house.

It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Alexander

R. W. Stewart and Mr. Ashby form a Committee of three to approach Dr. Green with regard to buying the house. That the committee should be given discretionary powers to make Dr. Green an offer for the house; this offer not to exceed \$12000.

The Committee is to report back to the Executive Committee at a meeting within a few days.

There being no farther business, the meeting adjourned.

Helen B. Pundleton

Secretary.